

prised six of the original townships. In the same territory there are now nineteen townships and four boroughs. The polls for this district were opened in this town at the house of Elijah Dix, during the years 1798 and 1799. To this place all the inhabitants on the Wauhleppaupack and north of the Shoholy Creek, came to vote. They came up the Lackawaxen to the junction of the Dyberry, where Honesdale now stands. This was then a dense, uninhabited wilderness. Leaving the stream, they proceeded through Bethany by marked trees, and so found their way to Mount Pleasant. Citizens on the Delaware found their way hither by bridle paths. Here, for the first time, the scattered inhabitants of the wilderness met from all parts of this extensive district to choose the State and county officers. The polls were held open in the log-house of Mr. Elijah Dix. It stood a few rods east of Mr. Ebenezer Richardson's late residence. This log-house served as a residence, a school-house, a meeting-house, and now for an election-house. It is to be regretted that not a single relic of this house is now to be found.* Previous to the organization of this town, the settlement was usually called Stantonville. In regard to the origin of the name it now bears, it is obvious that no created being gave it. The Hand that formed these hills and clothed them with their beauty, wrote its name. Man has only *read* it here. It could be called nothing else. The men who struck the first blow in the wilderness found it here. It is said that one

* A framed house now standing a few rods west of the old foundation, was built in 1801.

Robert L. Hooper, in surveying his lands here in 1775, while overlooking the township from one of the elevations of the Moose Mountains, was charmed with its beauty, and exclaimed, "*This is Mount Pleasant.*" On this point there never has been a question. Mr. Stanton saw that the Creator had named it, and, therefore, the impropriety of connecting his own name with it. And what stranger even that overlooks these hills and valleys in their verdure, but must also say this town could be called by no other name?

About the time this village was becoming the centre of business for the township, a few individuals named it Centreville. It never was fully adopted, and has long since become obsolete.

By an act of Legislature of March 27, 1845, this village was incorporated as a borough, embracing a mile square, under the name of Pleasant Mount. On the 7th of May, 1855, that act was repealed, and the village was again merged into the township. The Post-Office, however, still retains the name of Pleasant Mount.

The slow progress made during the first period of this township did not meet the expectation of the early settlers. Some of them who had made large purchases on the expectation of a rapid growth, suffered embarrassment. This expectation, which had become general and confident, induced them to pay extravagant prices for land. At the date of the first settlement here this whole region had been surveyed, and was held by men who had bought to sell at an